

## **News Release**

## Tropical Storm Isaac Advisory #8 Updates from Broward Emergency Operations Center

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The Broward County American Red Cross will open two general population shelters. There is not an evacuation order; however, shelters are being opened for residents of low-lying areas and areas prone to flooding, mobiles home residents and those who feel their structure is unsafe. The following shelter locations will open at 7 p.m. today:

- Rock Island Elementary, 1701 N.W. 23 Ave., Fort Lauderdale
- Millennium Middle School (pet friendly shelter), 5803 N.W. 94 Ave., Tamarac

## In other updates:

- Broward County Public Schools announced that classes are canceled for Monday, August 27. Parents are encouraged to visit browardschools.com or call the school district's Rumor Control Line at 754-321-0321 for questions or current information.
- Broward County Transit and Broward County Paratransit will not operate on Sunday.
- Port Everglades will close at 11 p.m. tonight, landside and waterside, and will remain closed until further notice. Cruise passengers should contact their cruise lines for updates.
- Air travelers should check with their airline for updates.
- The 17th Circuit Court will be closed on Monday. There will be no jury duty.
   Jurors should call 954-831-7051 for instructions.
- Clerk of the Court and the Court Administrator's Office will be closed on Monday.
- Broward County Property Appraiser's Office will be closed on Monday
- Residents who may be experiencing price gouging can call the Florida
  Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Price Gouging Hotline at 1-800435-7352 or the Florida Attorney General at 1-866-966-7226.

Two Special Needs Shelters were opened at 3 p.m. today. Residents already registered for special needs sheltering are being contacted directly. Those residents who have not preregistered, but have a managed medical condition or disability who feel they need a level of care that may be compromised with power outages if they remain at home, should call the Broward County Emergency Hotline at 311, or 954-831-4000, for assistance. Residents who choose to evacuate to a shelter are reminded that shelter only provides basic needs and they should bring the following to make their stay more comfortable:

- personal hygiene items
- bedding such as cots, air mattresses, blankets and pillows for their own use (none will be provided)
- non-perishable snacks and personal meals
- extra change of clothing
- personal items (medications, eyeglasses, hearing aid, flashlights, toothbrushes, battery-operated radio, special diet foods, if appropriate)
- baby supplies: ample amounts of baby food, formula, juice, diapers and wipes, and a stroller, portable crib or play pen
- driver's license, other identification
- cash, traveler's checks
- important documents

## Stay Informed

Residents and businesses are encouraged to monitor media for up-to-the-minute information and public safety advisories. There are a number of ways to "stay connected" and receive important information from the Broward County Emergency Operations Center before, during and after an emergency event, including news about hurricane watches and warnings, evacuation orders, recommended protective actions and other related public safety information.

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